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September 12, 2016

Lori Glasglow, Executive Officer
LA County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
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Lori Glasglow,

On September 12, 2016 our office of the Orchard Dale Water District submitted an E-Copy of Resolution No. 16-8-6 Recommending for the Consolidated Election for Governing Board Members with Statewide General Elections and potentially rescheduling of such elections from odd-year to even-year elections commencing with the 2017 election.

On behalf of the Board of Directors' of Orchard Dale Water District we respectfully submit an Original copy for consideration and review of this Original Resolution No. 16-8-6.

Should you have further questions or concerns, please contact me from the resources below.

Best Regards,

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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

45 October 18, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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RESOLUTION NO. 16-8-6

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORCHARD DALE WATER DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, RECOMMENDING CONSOLIDATED ELECTION FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS WITH STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTIONS AND APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF SUCH ELECTIONS FROM ODD-YEAR TO EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2017 ELECTION

WHEREAS, Orchard Dale Water District (“ODWD”) is a County Water District organized and operating within the County of Los Angeles pursuant to California Water Code Section 30000 et seq.;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code Section 30019, elections for members of ODWD’s Board of Directors (“the Board”) are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year;

WHEREAS, the current date for election of the Board is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g. the next election is scheduled for November 2017);

WHEREAS, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g. the next statewide general election is scheduled for November 2016) (Elections Code Section 1001);

WHEREAS, ODWD is located entirely within Los Angeles County;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 415, approved by the Governor in September 2015, prohibits a political subdivision from holding an election other than on a statewide election date commencing January 2018;

WHEREAS three (3) school districts within the County of Los Angeles [Saugus School District, Sulphur Springs School District, and the Santa Clarita Community College District (College of the Canyons)] and the City of Santa Clarita have successfully rescheduled their elections to even years;

WHEREAS, elections that are held in odd-numbered years have historically had lower levels of voter participation than statewide elections conducted in even-numbered years;

WHEREAS, since ODWD’s Board-member elections are not held in conjunction with most state elections, ODWD is forced to bear disproportionately higher election costs than if the elections were consolidated with statewide general elections in even-numbered years;

WHEREAS, the cost of ODWD's Board-member elections has increased with each succeeding election and ODWD wishes to reduce its election expenses;

WHEREAS, ODWD wishes to increase voter participation in elections for Board members and to reduce expenses whenever possible;

WHEREAS, it is considered the view of the Board that starting with the 2017 Board elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its Board members pursuant to "even-year elections" in conjunction with the statewide general elections;

WHEREAS, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation;

WHEREAS, while the Board recognizes there is a cost savings to ODWD resulting from aligning its election with the statewide general elections, this factor is not the primary motivation for the Board's decision, however, this incidental benefit furthers ODWD's policy of fiscal responsibility;

WHEREAS, while the Board recognizes the terms of its members would be extended as a result of aligning ODWD's elections with the statewide general elections, this is not the reason for the Board's decision;

WHEREAS, ODWD is authorized by California Elections Code Section 10404 to adopt a resolution requiring that its Board-member elections be held on the same day as the statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested the new election date be moved from November 2017 to November 2018 with Board members whose terms would have expired in 2017 being extended to 2018 and Board members whose terms would have expired in 2019 being extended to 2020, as required by Elections Code Section 10404(i) [refer to Exhibit A].

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Orchard Dale Water District that the above recitals are true and correct and that the Board hereby adopts this Resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the California state general election in November in even years (Elections Code Section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code Section 10404(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Orchard Dale Water District that the Board Secretary will notify the Los Angeles County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expenses of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10405.7(f).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Orchard Dale Water District that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to consolidate all future elections for the Board of Directors of the Orchard Dale Water District with the statewide general elections to be held in even-numbered years, beginning on November 6, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Orchard Dale Water District that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current Board members expiring in November 2017 will be extended to November 2018 and the term of Board members expiring in November 2019 will be extended to November 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Orchard Dale Water District that, upon consolidation with the statewide general election, all such future elections for the Board of Directors of the Orchard Dale Water District shall be conducted in accordance with, including dates that are consistent with, the primary or general election with respect to nominations, notices, canvass of votes, certification of election, and all other procedural requirements of the California Elections Code pertaining to the primary or general election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Orchard Dale Water District that the District's Board Secretary or designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Orchard Dale Water District on August 31, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Velasco, Azevedo, Noonan, Estabrook, and Stevenson-Rodriguez

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:


President, Board of Directors

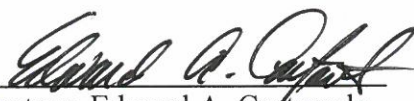
ATTEST: 
Secretary, Edward A. Castaneda



EXHIBIT A

**ORCHARD DALE WATER
DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Board Member	Current Election Year	New Election Year
Joseph Velasco III	2017	2018
Robert J. Noonan	2017	2018
Harold C. Estabrook	2017	2018
Dennis R. Azevedo	2019	2020
Yvette Stevenson-Rodriguez	2019	2020